

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-13, 15-24 and 26-28 are currently pending in the application

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 10-12, 18, 19, 22, 23 and 28 were rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being unpatentable over Kumada et al. (JP 62-181319) in view of Noguchi et al. (5,578,418). Of these claims, claims 1 and 19 are the only independent claims of the instant application. The remaining claims were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In view of the Office Action, independent claims 1 and 19 have been amended to include one of the four limitations defined in claim 5, which limitation has been deleted therefrom.

The Examiner had commented that claim 5 constituted allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form. However, the Applicant considered that the inclusion of all of the limitations defined in that claim would have unfairly restricted the scope of protection afforded to this invention.

The composition now defined by the independent claim finds basis throughout the description and, in particular: page 4, line 29f; page 5, line 28f; page 9, line 29f; and examples 8, 9, 10 and 11. Additionally, this composition is not taught or suggested in the prior art cited by the Examiner.

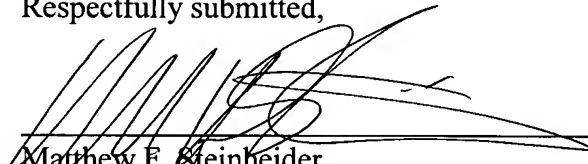
Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to bring them into conformity with the text of newly amended claim 1.

The Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time up to and including December 5, 2005 for filing this response and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No. 00307.0044.NPUS00. Applicants attorney further authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees which may be

required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No. 00307.0044.NPUS00.

Should the Examiner find any impediment to the prompt allowance of the claims which could be corrected by a telephone interview with the undersigned, the Examiner is requested to initiate such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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